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第22話
Two heroes,
casting their fishing rods
into the turbulent world

THE CAPITAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERED FROM DEVASTATED LUOYANG TO XUCHANG.
LORD CAO CAO MADE THIS DECISION AFTER WELCOMING THE EMPEROR.
XUCHANG IS CLOSER TO BOTH THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH THAN LUOYANG...
HEY, WAIT! I'M THE GUIDE!
SO WHAT?!
WOW, THESE TWO LOOK LIKE MIGHTY WARRIORS! MAYBE, THEY'LL... ...THE VOW... ...WITH SOME OF US...
NOT FAIR! I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO SHOW THEM AROUND!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE BRATS ...
OH, STRATE-GISTS?
WE HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THE RITUAL YET!
WE ARE STRATEGISTS APPRENTICES.
PLEASE ALLOW US TO BE YOUR GUIDES BY THE ORDER OF LORD CAO CAO!
I CAN'T WAIT TO BECOME A STRATEGIST - TO BE OF HELP TO LORD CAO CAO...
HAVE YOU ALSO COME HERE TO SERVE THE GOVERNMENT?
RIGHT NOW PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE CENTRAL PLAINS ARE FLOCKING TO XUCHANG AFTER HEARING NEWS ABOUT LORD CAO CAO!

OUR LORD LIU BEI IS TOTALLY AWESOME!
HE IS A DESCENDANT OF THE HAN DYNASTY, AND HE CARES ABOUT PEOPLE! HE FIGHTS FOR PEOPLE, AND HE IS JUST AND BENEVOLENT!
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO JOIN THE CAO ARMY.
RUBBISH! WE SERVE LORD LIU BEI!
EVER SINCE THE YELLOW TURBAN REBELLION HE HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR THOSE IN NEED IN ALL CORNERS OF THE COUNTRY!
HEY, YOU, WHAT KIND OF REACTION IS THAT?!

HUH? BIG BROTHER?!
LORD LIU BEI IS THE BEST!
NO, LORD CAO CAO IS THE BEST!
REALLY, ...
... SUCH BORING AND SILLY GUIDANCE IS JUST A WASTE OF TIME!
What a tall and good-looking man!
Wow!
OLDER BROTHER WAS CALLED BY CAO CAO.
Hey, wait for me!
BUT WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO GO WITH HIM.
STRANGE... IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT, I WONDER...

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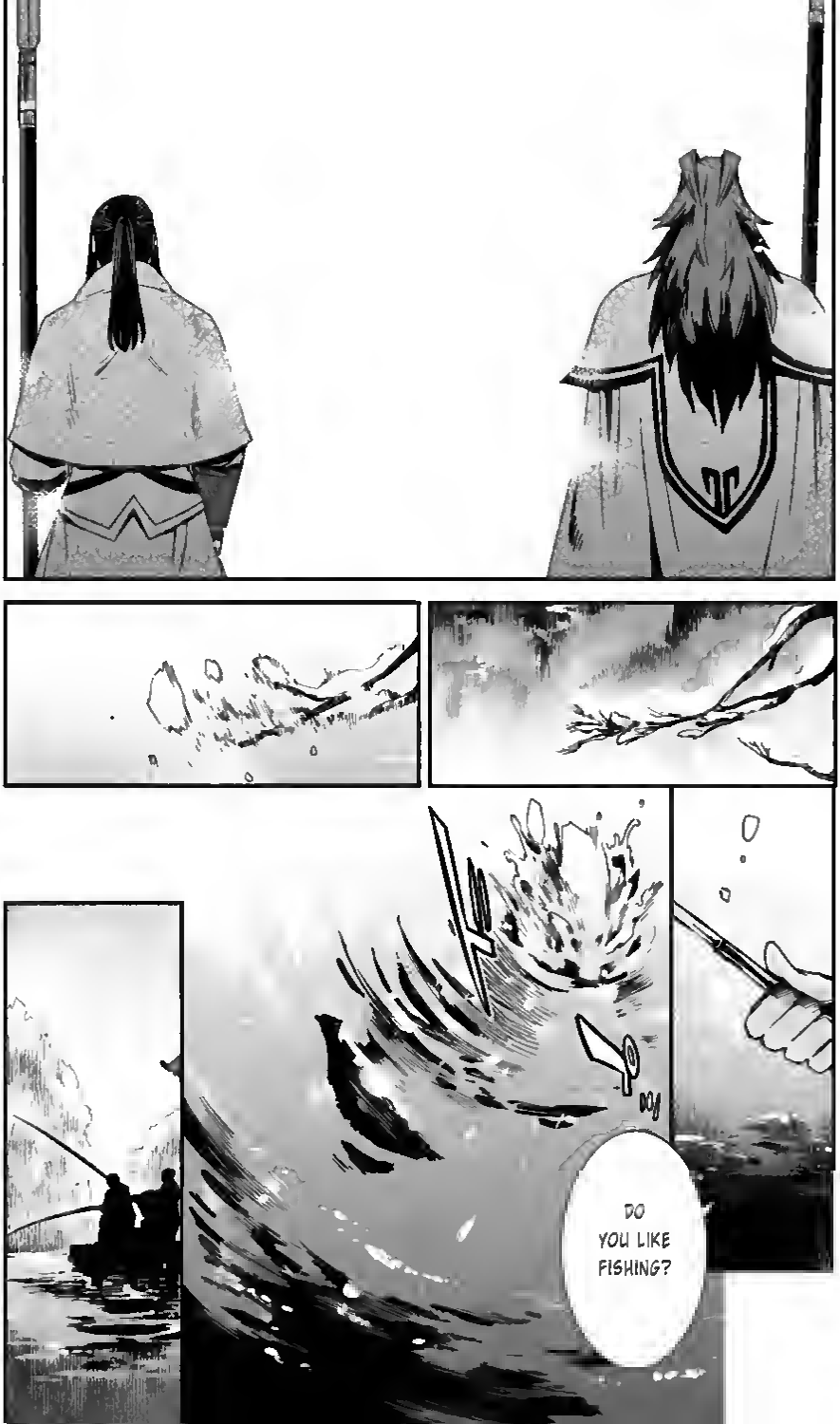
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DO YOU LIKE FISHING?

*Xuande - Liu Bei's style name

THE FISH HAS MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM YOU ONCE AGAIN, MASTER XUANDE*.
PERHAPS, THE SOUND OF FALLING SNOW HAS SCARED IT...
OH!
IS THAT SO?

VRRM...
HA HA HA!
WANT TO DRINK SOME?
TO WARM UP.
PLEASE HAVE A DRINK AS WELL
NO, THANKS: MY ALCOHOL TOLERANCE IS VERY POOR!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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YOUR COMPANIONS ARE QUITE STRONG WHEN IT COMES TO BOTH DRINKING AND BATTLES.
...NO, THEY CAN'T EVEN BE COMPARED TO YOUR GENERALS, MASTER CAO CAO...
I DON'T BUY IT! SEEMS YOU ARE JUST TELLING A WHITE LIE.
I TRUST MY OWN EYES, YOU KNOW.
AND THERE IS ALSO YOUR GOOD SELF.
TO THINK THAT AFTER LOSING YOUR LANDS YOU'VE DECIDED TO RELY ON ME!
QUITE SO ...
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FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE I HAD TO ABANDON, I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.
...BUT NOT BECAUSE I LOST THE LANDS.
SO, FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU PROVINCE?
BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO ATTEMPTED TO MASSACRE THEM!

THERE ARE SECRETS TO IT, YOU KNOW!
YOU ARE GOOD AT FISHING, DON'T YOU ...
STILL, WHAT A BIG CITY...
HEY! WHY THE HELL HAVE YOU STOPPED, BIG BROTHER?

THERE ARE A LOT OF GOODS HERE IN ONE PLACE. MIGHT BE GOOD TO MAKE SOME SHOPPING BEFORE THE NEXT EXPEDITION...
HEY, HEY! WE ARE BROKE! THERE ARE NO MONEY, ESPECIALLY FOR THAT!
Come on, let's go!
But...

THESE TWO ARE THE ONES WHO CAME WITH LAN....
...ZHANG FEI!
GUAN YU AND ...

THE IMPORTANT THING IS THE ASSESSMENT.
OF FISH,
OF PEOPLE,
OF FATE.
IF YOU HAVE AN ASPIRATION, ASSESS THINGS, THINK THROUGH A STRATEGY, AND DON'T MISS AN OPPORTUNITY.
BOTH IN FISHING,
AND IN WAR.

SAY, ...
... YOU, XUANDE, HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING A LOT AROUND ALL CORNERS OF THE COUNTRY.
AMONG PEOPLE THERE SOME WHO COULD BE NAMED HEROES.
IN THIS COUNTRY, HAVE YOU MET ANY HEROES?
I AM CLUELESS, HOW CAN I DO SUCH THINGS AS TO EVALUATE PEOPLE?
IF SO, RUMORS ARE ALSO GOOD.
.. THE THING IS I INSTANTLY FORGET PEOPLE'S NAMES.
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SO, ORDINARY PEOPLE DON'T LINGER IN YOUR HEART?
THEN IT'S TRULY AN HONOR - TO HAVE MY NAME REMEMBERED BY YOU!
NOT AT ALL! IT'S JUST THE YEARS BEGIN TO TELL ON ME!
I OFTEN GET SCOLDED BY MY BROTHERS FOR THAT.
BESIDES, RIGHT NOW I CAN DO NOTHING TO RELIEVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SUFFERING.
WHATEVER SUCH POWERLESS PERSON MAY SAY WOULD BE MEANINGLESS...

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IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE'LL DISCUSS HEROES SOME OTHER TIME, ...
... MASTER XUANDE.

YOU ARE NOT BAD AT FISHING.
BUT ...
...I GUESS YOU ARE AIMING AT A BIGGER PREY.

MY HOMETOWN WAS DESTROYED BY THE YELLOW TURBAN REBELS. THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT ALIVE.
IT'S GOOD TO LIVE HERE, IN XUCHANG! THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE, IT'S SO FULL OF LIFE, AND SO PEACEFUL!
YOU ARE THAT GUY FROM THE CAO ARMY, AREN'T YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IN THE MIDST OF THIS CROWDED STREET?
I'M THINKING UP A STRATEGY, WHAT ELSE?
I LIKE IT WHEN THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND.

ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS BIG FISH I'M TALKING ABOUT?
SO VERY BIG AND VERY STRONG. IN ITS INSATIBLE GREED IT DEVOURS AND DESTROYS EVERYTHING INSIDE THE POND.
AND NOW... I'VE HEARD THAT A CERTAIN SOMEONE OUT THERE TRIES TO BAIT THIS RAMPAGING BIG FISH TO MAKE IT SERVE HIS NEEDS.
FOR THE SAKE OF PEOPLE I HAVE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP - ...
FOR THE SAKE OF LORD CAO CAO I HAVE TO DEVISE A STRATEGY - ...
IT SPREADS CONFLICTS AROUND THE COUNTRY WHILE EFFORTLESSLY BITING THROUGH ALL FISHING HOOKS

...
TO DEFEAT
A MAN
CALLED
LU BU.

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